



## Quaker Parrot

(Myiopsitta monachus)

### Facts:

Average adult size: **12 inches**

Average life span: **20+ years with proper care**

Diet: **Herbivore**



Quakers are very confident and social birds. They love to interact with their "flock" and are known around the world for their exceptional talking ability. In captivity, they tend to bond very closely with one person, and are known for their loyal nature. Most hand fed Quakers are quite gentle and many make wonderful pets for younger bird owners.

*Bird owners should avoid non-stick cookware and appliances as they can release fumes hazardous to your bird's health.*

### Feeding & Nutrition:

#### Diet

- Specialized commercial food.
- Do not feed birds avocado, fruit seeds, chocolate, caffeine or alcohol as these can cause serious medical conditions. Avoid sugar and high fat treats.

#### Water

- Clean, fresh, chlorine-free water, changed daily.

#### Frequency of Food

- Fresh food and water should always be available.
- Treats should not exceed 10% of total food intake.

### Housing:

- Quakers acclimate well to average household temperatures, not to drop below 65°F or to exceed 80°F; be cautious of extreme temperature changes. The habitat should be placed off the floor in an area that is well-lit and away from drafts.
- A habitat approximately 24"W x 24"D x 30"H, with metal bars spaced no greater than 1/2" to 3/4" apart, makes a good home for one green cheek conure. It is best to provide the largest habitat possible.
- Perches should be at least 9" long and 1/2" in diameter; a variety of perch sizes to exercise feet and help prevent arthritis is recommended.
- A metal grate over the droppings tray will keep the bird away from droppings; line the droppings tray with habitat paper or appropriate substrate for easier cleaning. To avoid contamination, do not place food or water containers under perches.
- Quakers can be kept alone to bond with pet parent or in pairs to bond with each other.
- Birds should be socialized daily by the pet parent.
- **Different types of birds should not be housed together.**

#### Habitat Maintenance

- Clean and disinfect the habitat and perches regularly with a 3% bleach solution; replace substrate or habitat liner weekly or more often as needed.

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- Replace perches, dishes, and toys when worn or damaged; rotate new toys into the habitat regularly.
- Ensure that there are no habitat parts or toys with lead, zinc or lead-based paints or galvanized parts as these can cause serious medical issues if ingested by your bird.
- Do not use a lot of cleaning agents around your bird as the fumes can be harmful. It is recommended to use a natural cleaning product.

## Care:

### Grooming & Hygiene

- Provide lukewarm water regularly for bathing; remove the water when done. As an alternative, mist the bird with water.
- Clipping flight feathers, when done correctly, can help prevent injury or escape; consult an avian specialist on what is best for your bird.
- Nails should be trimmed by a qualified person to prevent injury to the bird.

### Health

- Active, alert, and sociable
- Eats and drinks throughout the day
- Dry nares and bright, dry eyes
- Beak, legs and feet normal in appearance
- Clean, dry vent
- Smooth, well-groomed feathers

### Normal Behavior

- Quakers are social birds that enjoy human interaction.
- They like to chew and require a lot of toys to chew on.
- Provide foraging toys, which provide important mental stimulation.
- Ensure toys are strongly attached as they can unscrew c-clamps, which can cause injury.

## Recommended Supplies:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Size Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Litter or Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Cover            | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Water Dishes     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High-quality Food        | <input type="checkbox"/> Toys                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millet Spray             | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Bath               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuttlebone               | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Gym                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming Supplies       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perches                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamins                |

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